(AICTE) Act lb improve quality of faculty in technical institutes, AICTE operates various Faculty Development Programmes, like Quality Improvement Programmes (QIP), Continuing Education Programmes (CEP), Early Faculty Induction Programmes (EFIP), etc.

Higher Education for Women

† 3592. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of universities and colleges in the country has increased manifold after Independence, whereas the increase in the number of women's education institutes has been negligible;

(b) if so, the data in this regard; and

(c) whether Government have any programme for furtherance of women in higher education; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) and (b). No, Sir. According to the information furnished by University Grants Commission (UGC), there has been five-fold increase in the number of universities and nine-fold increase in the number of colleges in the country, as compared to Universities/Colleges existing in 1958-59 and 1999-2000. The increase in the number of universities and colleges for women is five-times and ten-times respectively during the same period. A statement indicating the number of universities and colleges from 1951 to 1999-2000 is enclosed as Statement *(See* below).

(c) UGC has initiated a number of schemes like Special Scheme for Construction of Women's Hostels, Part-time Research Associateship for Women, Women Study Centres and Cells, etc. to promote higher education for girl students. The Commission has also introduced a new Scheme *viz.* Technology for Women' in Women Universities for starting B. Tech. courses in Electronic & Communication, Computer Science & Technology, and Information & Technology.

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Statement

Number of Universities and Colleges from 1951 to 1999-2000

Year	No. of University/ Institutions*	No. of women University	No. of Colleges Institution	No. of Women Colleges
1950-51	31	1	687	N.A.
1958-59	52	1	1291	146
1999-2000	247	5	11594	1511

**Includes*

— State, Deemed & Central Universities.

— Institute of National Importance.

— Institutes establish under State Legislature Act.

N.A. — Not Available.

Arrangements for Computer Education

3593. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of students in the country intending to get computer education, increased during 1997-98 to 2000-2001;

(b) if so, the percentage of increase, year-wise during the same period; and

(c) the extent of increase in the arrangements by Government for providing computer education in public sector during the above years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. As per the information provided by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), the approved intake capacity in degree level Computer Science Programmes and MCA increased from 10610 in 1997-98 to 53590 in 2000-2001. The year-wise percentage increase was 9.61% in 1998-99, 119.52% in 1999-2000 and 109.91 % in 2000-2001 .The Ministry does not have any scheme for providing Computer Education in Public Sector.

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